

**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1 – 8, 10 – 18, 20 – 37, and 69 – 86. The Examiner has requested claims 47 – 67 be canceled as non-elected claims; therefore, claims 47 – 67 are canceled.

All the requirements of the Examiner having been met, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. It is believed no fees are due. If any fee is seen to be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1848.

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